

Not another survey!

The Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) realizes that families and individuals are bombarded with surveys from lots of different organizations and agencies. Although we try to limit the frequency of our surveys, there are times when we really need your input. *This is one of those times.*

The Council needs to know what you think are the most pressing issues facing individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Gathering the opinions of people like you is an important and necessary step in determining the priority need areas that the Council will address in our next five-year state plan (2006 – 2011). **We want to hear from you.**



***What strategies do you believe would improve life in Mississippi
for individuals with developmental disabilities?***

Suggestions by persons with disabilities, parents and service providers attending Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH) strategic planning meetings:

1. A Single Point of Entry
2. Piloting Money Following the Person
3. Increase funding for community services
4. Increasing More Accessible Communities
5. Safer Communities
6. Positive Media Coverage (for public awareness)
7. Collaborative Efforts (between agencies; individuals with DD and families represented on task forces and advisory groups)
8. Education of Policy Makers and Others
9. Legislative Action
10. Additional Strategies...

Add comments related to the suggestions OR prioritize strategies, listing as many or as few strategies as you want.

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What improvements should be made in services in Mississippi?

Suggestions by persons with disabilities, parents and service providers attending Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH) strategic planning meetings:

1. Trained Direct Support Professionals
2. Leadership Development (individuals with DD, family members)
3. Housing Options
4. Transportation Supports
5. Customized Employment Services
6. Recreation Options
7. Assistive Technology Services across all areas of life
8. Use of Person Centered Planning
9. Inclusive programming across ages
10. Smooth Transition Services across the life span
11. Trained medical workers
12. Additional Improvements...

Add comments related to the suggestions OR prioritize improvements, listing as many or as few improvements as you want.

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**Survey Questions to Prioritize Areas of Needs
and Determine Strategies for Systems Change**

1. *How satisfied are you now? What needs are being met and what needs are not being met?*
2. *When you consider the next 5 years of your life, what needs are you most worried about?*
3. *How would you like your needs to be met?*
4. *What suggestions can you make for meeting the needs of others with developmental disabilities in Mississippi?*